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For: METHOD OF USING A TOOL TO)	
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Sir:

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To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application and no fees are believed to be necessary.

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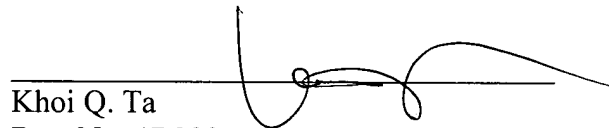
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